

SITE NUMBER: WA-V-297

ADDRESS: 134-136 Cumberland Street, Clear Spring, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Clear Spring Hardware, C. Harold Snyder, open during business hours

BUILDING DATE: 19th century, pre-1877

134-136 Cumberland Street is a south-facing, horizontally massed, two-story, brick, four-bay, attached, Italianate commercial structure. The structure rests on a stone foundation at the public-right-of-way and is laid in a common bond that has been painted light blue. The tin, side-gable roof has an elegant, bracketed Italianate cornice and a single chimney. The building is divided into two sections with two entrances. 134 is the minor entrance and is composed of a six-panel door topped by an elaborate transom. The door is set deep into the wall. The principal entrance is the shop front which appears to date to the early 20th century. The door is recessed and is flanked by two showcases. The windows on the second floor are double-hung, two-over-two sash. The building has a long and narrow frame addition on the back.

The structure is first noted on historic maps in 1877 when it is shown as being owned by Feidt & Snyder. L.I. Feidt is listed in the map's business reference section as a dealer in grain and hay. The 1922 Sanborn map indicates that the structure was then numbered 127 and 128 Cumberland and was used as a store on the first floor and an office on the second.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the probable Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition, and falls within the Historic Period Themes of Economic; and Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning.

See the Maryland Historic Sites Inventory Form for additional information.

Prepared by Julianne Mueller, July 1992

CONTINUATION SHEET
7. DESCRIPTION

SURVEY NO. WA-V-297

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN:

STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Development Periods: Agricultural-Industrial
Transition

Historic Period Themes: Economics; and Architecture, Landscape
Architecture, and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: buildings

Historic Environment: small, rural town

Historic Function and Use: commercial

Known Design Source: unknown

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WA-V-297

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Clear Spring Hardware

2. Location

street & number 134-136 Cumberland Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Clear Spring ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Washington

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Roanld E. Kline

street & number 2521 North Valley Drive telephone no.: 301-739-1851

city, town Hagerstown state and zip code MD 21740

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse liber 970

street & number Summit Avenue & W. Washington St. folio 273

city, town Hagerstown state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Survey of Clear Spring

date Oct. 1991 - August 1992 ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☒ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD

7. Description

Survey No. WA-V-297

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Attached

8. Significance

Survey No. WA-V-297

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Attached

Survey No. WA-V-297

See attached

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references:

A

Zone

Easting

Northing

B

Three empty bar charts are shown, each with a horizontal axis and a vertical axis. The first chart is labeled 'Zone' and has 5 tick marks on the horizontal axis. The second chart is labeled 'Easting' and has 10 tick marks on the horizontal axis. The third chart is labeled 'Northing' and has 10 tick marks on the horizontal axis. Each chart has a vertical axis on the left and a horizontal axis at the bottom.

Zone Easting Northing

D

E 

F

G

H | | | | | | | | | |

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 970/273 Clear Spring

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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<u>state</u>	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Julianne Mueller
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organization date August 1992

street & number 2730 Ordway Street, N.W. #6 **telephone** 202-364-6594

<u>city or town</u>	Washington, D.C.	<u>state</u>	20008
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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

The Setting

This store is located in Washington County on Cumberland Street (lot 970/273) in Clear Spring. It is sited mid-block in a mixed row of attached commercial and residential structures that line both sides of the town's principal thoroughfare. Its lot is 33-feet wide (half of an original lot) and 198-feet deep. The lot reaches to the back alley where a stream cuts through the property. There is a large stable at the back of the lot, which appears to be among the oldest such structures in the town.

Exterior

134-136 Cumberland Street is a south-facing, horizontally massed, two-story, brick, five-bay, attached, Italianate commercial structure. The structure rests on a stone foundation at the public-right-of-way and is laid in a common bond that has been painted light blue. The building is divided into two sections, each with its own entrance. The west portion (134) is two-bays wide and served as an office. The east portion (136) contains the remaining three bays and serves as the hardware store. Each section has its own entrance from the street, and is accessible to the other section from the interior.

The side-gable roof of the building is sheathed in tin and has an elegant, bracketed, wood, Italianate cornice and a single chimney.

With the exception of the shop windows which flank the commercial entrance, all fenestration on the front facade is double-hung, two-over-two sash with stone sills and soldier-coursed lintels. The shop windows are wide and deep, extending from the facade of the building, back to the store entrance. They are composed of single fixed panes of glass. The back wall of each of the showcases is glazed with double-hung, eight-over-eight panes providing access to the display areas.

The shop front portion of the building (136) is constructed of wood and is composed of a pair of showcase windows flanking a center, recessed entrance. It appears to date to the late 19th or early 20th century. The shop windows are set on a wood, paneled base and the recessed floor to the entrance is made of pine boards. The length of the shop front, flush with the facade, above the showcase windows is a sawtooth cornice topped by a molded entablature. A frame awning stretches from the shop front over the sidewalk. It is supported by iron posts, features remnants of jigsaw-cut ornamentation, and has a globe lamp hanging at the center in front of the entrance.

The shopfront entrance is composed of a set of narrow, double doors each with a tall glazed pane set above a raised and recessed panel. The door is protected by a set of frame screen doors and is surmounted by a single-pane rectangular transom.

The entrance to 134 is set deep into the face of the building.

Paneled reveals frame the six-panel door and the elaborate transom. A marble stepping stone with boot scrapers rests in front of the entrance and a well-worn step leads up to the entrance.

The building has several rear, frame additions: a short, two-and-a-half-story ell; a long and narrow, one-story, four-bay, asbestos-shingled gable-roof, frame addition with a chimney; and a small, make-shift, one-bay, shed addition with a corrugated metal roof on the back. These additions are not as wide as the brick front portion and extend almost to the rear of the property line.

The rear (north) elevation of the brick section of the building features a door and transom that match those on the front facade (134). Windows are double-hung, six-over-six sash. The windows in the two-story ell are double-hung, two-over-two sash with wide frames. All the windows in the one-story wing are on its west elevation and have been shuttered. This wing has an entrance on its east elevation.

The back of the property has a creek running through it. The creek has been channeled with a stone and concrete liner, controlling its flow. A wooden bridge leads over the creek to the back of the property where there is an alley that parallels Cumberland Street. Behind the store, before reaching the creek is a small, shed-roof, frame outhouse. Between the creek and the alley is a large, frame, one-story, hipped roof stable. Facing the alley, it has two sliding doors. The west elevation has several small windows, presumably where there were horse stalls. There are no openings on the east facade. The south facade has two sets of windows, as well as two hinged doors.

Interior

The interior of the hardware store is essentially one long open room. A counter is located to the left upon entering the store. Behind the counter and along the walls on either side of the store are shelves and cabinets, some of which have the same sawtooth molding motif as does the shopfront cornice on the exterior of the building. The center of the store has aisles of modern shelving. The rear of the store is divided into several small rooms which are used as office space and storage. The flooring is wood boards.

Near the counter, on the west wall of the hardware store is a door leading into the vacant, west section of the building. This section is composed of two bays. The east bay is a hallway that runs the length of the building and has a staircase leading up to the second floor along its east wall. The west bay is a single room. The second floor of this section has been partitioned into two sections, but appears to have originally been a single space. A door at the top of the stairs leads into a large room over the hardware store. This space is also vacant.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Clear Spring Hardware is located on the western portion of original lot 32 which was first sold by Martin Myers to Andrew Kreek (Liber FF, Folio 951) in 1822. It was in the Snyder family for almost 130 years between the 1860s and 1990.

The building may be the longest continuously operating store in Clear Spring, having served as a commercial enterprise since at least 1877. In that year it is first noted on historic maps as being owned or occupied by Feidt & Snyder and L.I. Feidt is listed in the map's business reference section as a dealer in grain and hay. The 1922 Sanborn map indicates that the structure was then numbered 127 and 128 Cumberland and was used as a store on the first floor and an office on the second.

Based on the style of the building, it appears that it may have been constructed in the 1830s or 1840s. However, the storefront appears to have been remodeled in the late 19th or early 20th century.

Based on interviews with town residents, the section of the building that is currently occupied by the hardware store was always occupied by related enterprises--hardware, seed, grains, feed, etc. The offices were at varying times occupied by a justice of the peace. Although it looks like a large meeting room, no one could recall how the large space above the store had been used.

The chain of title was traced to 1859:

John Fiedt to William Fiery (IN 14/264) in 1859,
 William Fiery to John T. Snyder (IN 17/572) in 1864,
 Trustees of John T. Snyder to Charles L. Snyder (115/200) in 1901,
 Charles L. Snyder to William Fiery Snyder (177/411) in 1927,
 William Fiery Snyder to Charles Harold Snyder by will in 1942,
 Estate of Charles Harold Snyder to the First National Bank of Maryland (LWT 55/20) in 1990,
 The First National Bank of Maryland to Ronald E. Line and Eugene S. Albert, Jr. (970/273) in 1990.

Significance

A preliminary architectural evaluation of this commercial structure was made in February 1992 by Julianne Mueller during a survey of Clear Spring. At that time a survey site number WA-V-297 was assigned and it was determined that the structure is a contributing element to Clear Spring's historic architectural and economic character. A summary sheet on the building with photographs was submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust in August 1992. The summary provides a basic description of the building and places it within the Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan: State Historic Context (Western Maryland Geographic Organization; the Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition; the

Historic Period Themes of Economics; and Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning).

Upon the suggestion of the Clear Spring Historical Society, the general history of the building was researched. It was concluded that the building is an excellent and rare (for Clear Spring) surviving example of late 19th- or early 20th-century commercial shop. In addition, it appears to be the oldest continuously operating commercial establishment in the town. Although it does not qualify for individual listing on the National Register, it is a contributing element to the overall historical character of the town, and meets eligibility Criterion A for listing on the Maryland Register.

Criterion A -- The property is associated with significant historical events. It is an important commercial landmark in Clear Spring, associated with the 19th and 20th-century history of the town. It may be the oldest continuously operating business in the town. And, as one of the only surviving architectural examples in Clear Spring of a late 19th- or an early 20th-century shop, it provides additional architectural insight into the commercial history of the town.

Criterion B -- The property is not associated with a significant person.

Criterion C -- The building does not exhibit exceptional architectural design, method of construction, or craftsmanship, or is the product of a trained architect.

Criterion D -- The property may provide important information about history or prehistory. The property has not been assessed for its archeological potential. Because of its long history at this site, it is possible that 19th- and 20th-century archeological remains might be found near the building.

9. BIBLIOGRAPHY

Washington County Deeds and Tax Records

MAPS:

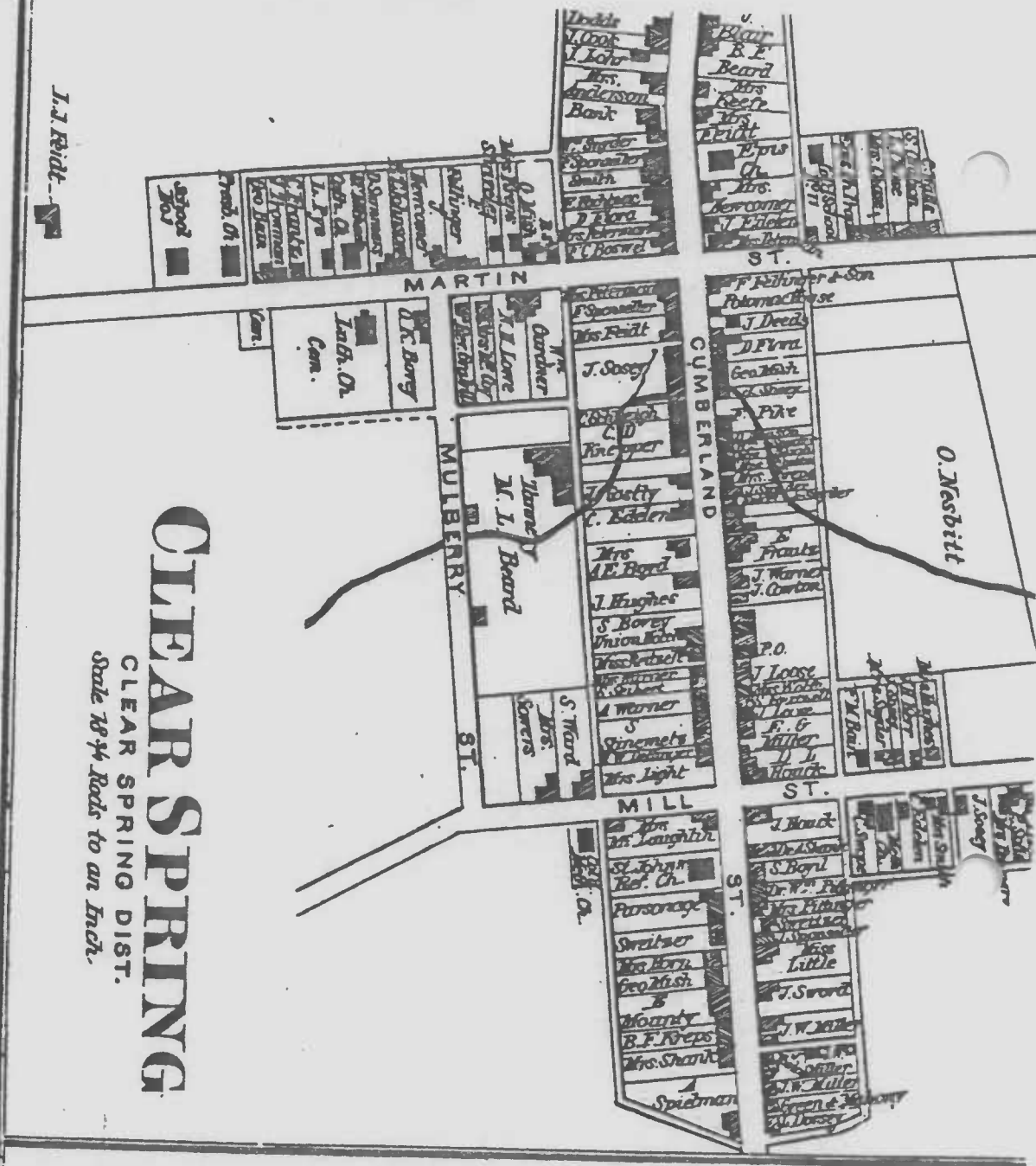
1877 Atlas of Washington County, map of Clear Spring.

Sanborn Map Company, 1922 map of Clear Spring.

I. J. Ridd

CLEAR SPRING

CLEAR SPRING DIST.
Scale 18 1/4 Rods to an Inch.



CLMAR SPRING BUSINESS REFER- ENCES.

- S. M. Riddell, Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c.
- John Fellingner, Proprietor of the "Fullmoon House." We can assure the public they will receive first class accommodations at the above house.
- A. Spellman, Constable in District No. 4.
- G. A. Warner, Boot and Shoe Maker and Dealer in Eastern Work. Shop on Cumberland street.
- Fred. H. Lathel, Manufacturer of Saddles, Bridles, Harness, Collars, &c.
- John S. Edelen, Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Groceries, Hardware, &c.
- Daniel Mason, Dealer in Confectionaries, Fancy Candies, Toys, Tobacco, Cigars, Pocket Cutlery, Opticals, &c.
- J. Loose & Son, Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Queensware, Groceries, Hardware, &c.
- Joel Charles, Proprietor of "Big Spring Mills."
- Benjamin F. Charles, Manager of "Big Spring Mills" and Dealer in Flour, Feed, Grain, &c.
- F. C. Doyle, Physician and Surgeon, office at Drug store on Cumberland street.
- Levin Charles, Proprietor of "Clear Spring Flour Mills," and Dealer in Grain of all kinds.
- L. I. Fidd, Dealer in all kinds of Grain and Hay, at Two Locks.
- Smith & Brother, Dealer in Dry Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, and everything usually kept in a first-class country store. Store at Four Locks.
- E. Fruits, Manufacturer and Dealer in all kinds of Fashionable Furniture, Also, Undertaker.
- R. H. Wilson & Son, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Table and Pocket Cutlery, Dry Goods, Medicines, Pills, Oil, Dried Fruits, Garden Seeds, &c.
- G. A. Warner, Manufacturer of Boots and Shoes. Repairing promptly attended to.

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17	DOUGLAS E. MOORE	WA-V-306 887/428
16	DANIEL R. HOLLER	WA-V-267 550/539
15	EARL L. YEAKLE	WA-V-308 389/46
14	DAVID HUNTZ- BERRY ETAL.	WA-V-19 801
13	C.C. STANSBURY	272/423 1071

JOHN H. MASON
541/376
WA-V-372

HAROLD L. MILES, SR.
386/457
WA-V-371

3807 E. MILES NORRIS E. SWORD, JR.
762/939
763/317
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GARY L.
GROVE
CG7/G1

STREET

SOUTH

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C. & P. TELEPHONE CO.

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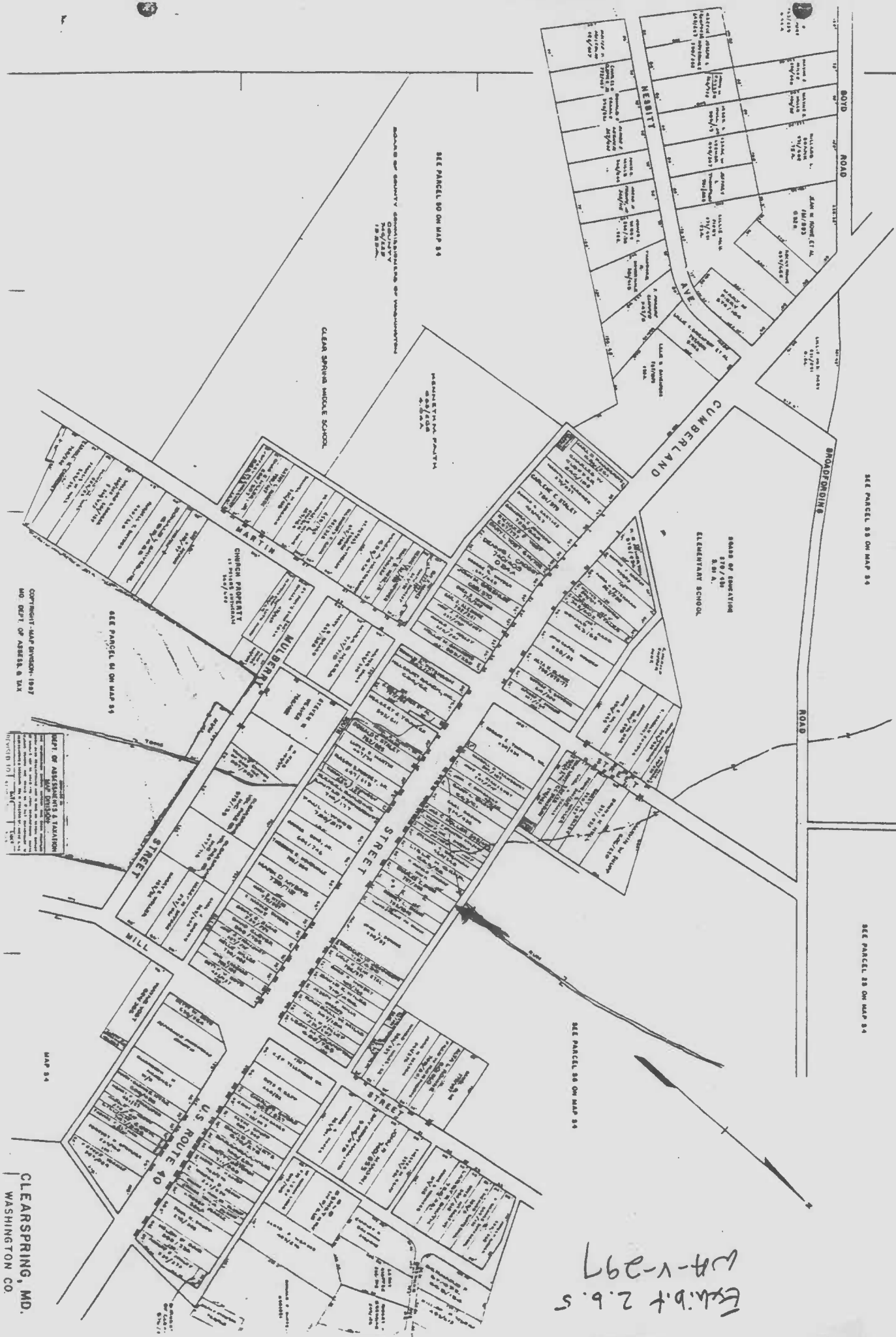


Exhibit 2.6.5
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CLEARSPRING, MD.
1987

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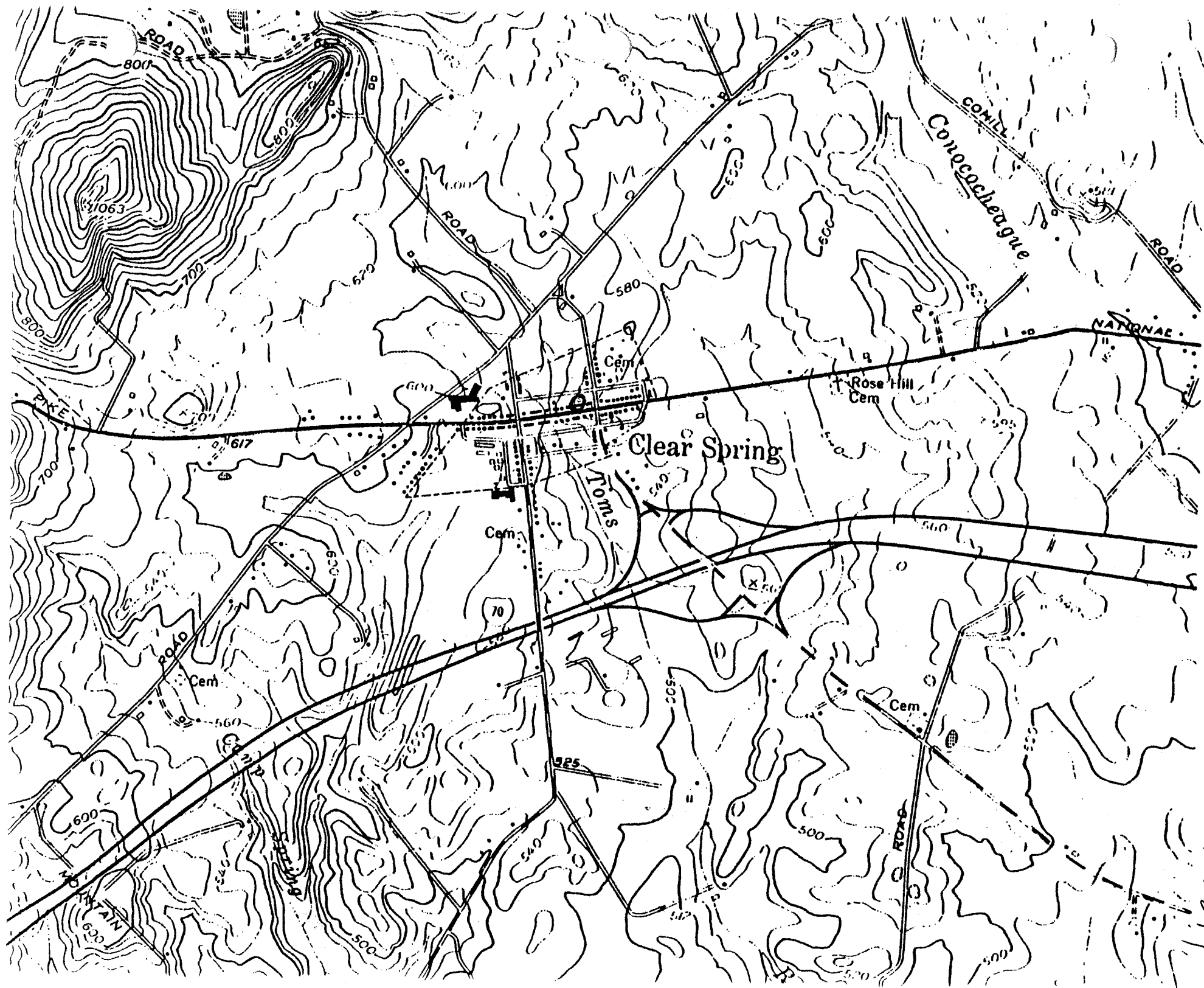


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134-136 CUMBERLAND ST, CLEAR SPRING, WASH. CO.

2/92

JULIE MUELLER

LOOKING 11E



WA-V-297

2-13/10 - 1 1/2 hr - 10:00 - 11:30

2-14/10 - 1 1/2 hr - 10:00 - 11:30

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OUTBUILDING ON HAWBAKER CIRCLE (GOES WITH
HARDWARE STORE ON CUMBERLAND ST.)

? 1992

JULIE MUELLER

LOOKING 53



WA-V-297

1921 - 1930 Lumber and Saw Spindle Saw Co.
Lake Arrow

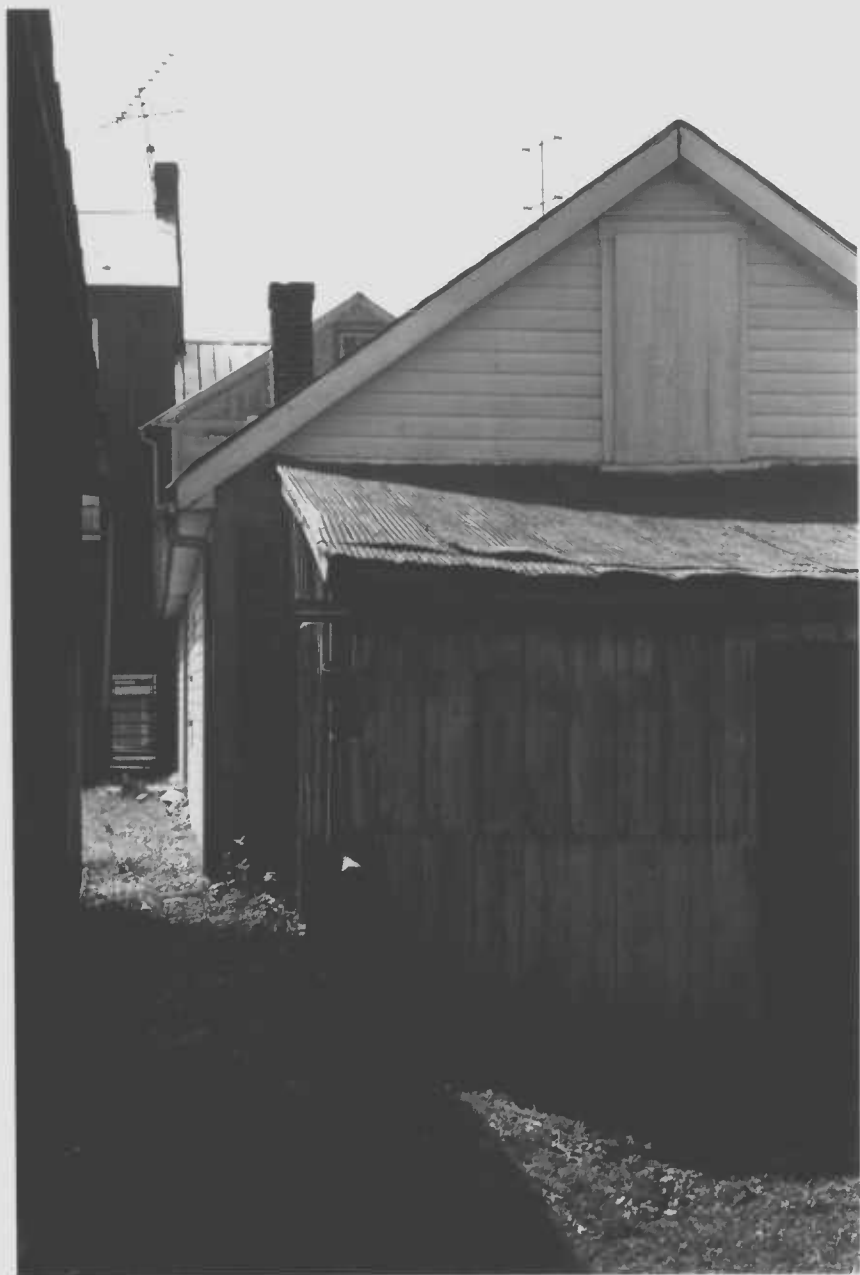
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1907 - 1910 Lumber and Saw Spindle Saw Co.
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31-136 "136" 2nd floor (136) (136)

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9/1992

Detail of 136 (136) + entrance (136)